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MEDIA

KITV News – Reporter Catherine Cruz checked in to see if there has been any movement on work with the interceptor trench at the ASIG Sand Island fuel spill site. Let her know, nothing new at the moment and would inform her when work does begin. She also asked about Red Hill, and let her know we are still working on the response to comments and would let her know if anything new happens. CLOSED, (V) SUPERFUND, LAND, Dean Higuchi

The Guardian: Reporter Taflin Laylin wanted U.S. EPA's statement regarding Navajo allegations concerning water contamination in a tank provided by U.S. EPA for agricultural purposes in the Shiprock, New Mexico area. Sent her official statement. CLOSED. SFUND. (v) Soledad Calvino

Sea Technology Magazine: Confirmed with editor Aileen Bennet that we will submit the RA's piece by EOD tomorrow. Piece is set to open the October issue. WATER. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

KPCC: Reporter Molly Peterson was looking for information lead contamination levels the

CDC has revised its estimate for the levels that trigger intervention from 10 micograms to 5, but wanted to see what EPA's current understanding was. Working with SFund and HQ. SFUND. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

San Francisco Chronicle: Editorial page writer Lois Kazakoff is interested in writing for next week about abandoned mines in California, including the top priority sites for EPA. Sent writer several reports, fact sheets and web links. Waiting to hear if additional information is needed. OPEN. SUPERFUND
Contact: Kelly Zito

Issued pitch to San Bernardino reporters regarding the finalization of the ROD for the groundwater cleanup at the Newmark Superfund Site in San Bernardino. SFUND. CLOSED.
Nahal Mogharabi.

WEB

Web Updates:

Enforcement – Posted a notice of the Safe Drinking Water Act settlement with Vacation Inns International, Inc. to the [Enforcement Public Notices page](#).

California Air Actions – Posted a link to the Federal Register Notice for the San Joaquin Valley PM2.5 air action to the [California San Joaquin Valley PM2.5 Air Actions page](#).

ORC Openings – Updated [ORC page](#) with info on opening and closing of attorney/fellowship opportunities.

Air Permits – Updated permits page with addendum document for [Fisher Sand and Gravel](#).

Organics Symposium – Updated page on the [2015 California Bioresources Alliance Symposium](#).

RTOC Summer Meeting – Posted additional documents to [RTOC Past Meetings page](#).

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Congressional Outreach on Gold King Mine: Brent Maier sent out a reminder of today's call to update Congressional staff, elected officials and other state and local representatives on EPA activities in follow up to the Gold King Mine Release. There will be one final call of this nature on Tuesday, August 25th.

Senators Ask EPA Inspector General to Investigate Specific Issues in Animas Spill: The six senators from Colorado, Utah and New Mexico are asking EPA's inspector general to take a careful look at 13 specific issues regarding the Animas River spill. EPA's IG is conducting a preliminary inquiry, but the lawmakers want to ensure that getting answers will help prevent similar accidents in the future. Among other things, the bipartisan group of senators ask the IG to describe the expertise of workers at the mine site; determine EPA's legal obligations and describe whether it met them; look at the delay in informing local officials; and say whether EPA should have studied the pressure of the trapped water before opening the mine. Read: <http://1.usa.gov/1hMX7Qp>.

Rep. Janice Hahn (D-CA-44): In follow up to a conference call on Wednesday, Brent Maier shared a PDF copy of EPA's 2012 comment letter on the I-710 South Lower Project with Lara Larramendi, District Director for Congresswoman Hahn. Connell Dunning and Debbie Lowe of our Environmental Review Office along with Brent Maier had a call with Ms. Larramendi. Ms. Larramendi sent a note thanking our office for the assistance.

Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA): Superfund Division is preparing a briefing document on EPA's role and response actions for the Refugio Oil Spill that will be shared on Monday, August 24th with Nicholas Rodriguez in the Senator's Los Angeles Office. Senator Boxer will be in Santa Barbara on Tuesday, August 25th and will be holding a press event at Refugio State Beach related to the oil pipeline spill at Refugio. Congresswoman Capps and some County and City officials are also likely to participate. A number of other Agencies involved in the oil response action including Coast Guard, Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), California Resource Agencies, Fish and Wildlife Service, Parks, and local and county offices/officials have been invited to brief the Senator in advance of the press event. Brent Maier asked Mr. Rodriguez if, in light of our current involvement with our response actions related to Gold King Mine, whether the Senator's office would be fine with our preparing a written briefing document that would cover EPA's role and response actions at the Refugio oil spill cleanup, and Mr. Rodriguez stated that they would be fine with that if we are not able to send a representative because of our ongoing involvement with Gold King Mine. Kelly Zito discussed our plans to prepare a briefing document in lieu of sending a representative with Jared which he was fine with our doing. Brent Maier received notes back from both Nicholas Rodriguez, Field Representative, and Yvette Martinez, Senator Boxer's Deputy State

Director/Senior Advisor acknowledging that EPA is not able to send a representative, but will be providing a written briefing document in lieu of sending a representative.

Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-33): Brent Maier has reached out to Mary Ann Lutz in the Congresswoman's office to inquire about EPA participation by Steven Leondio-John in either a walking tour on Tuesday, August 25th or a meeting in the Congresswoman's office on Friday, August 28th to address the issue of homeless encampments along the San Gabriel River and to see whether EPA might play a role in addressing this issue. The Cities of Duarte and Azuza are facing the challenge of a number of homeless encampments along the San Gabriel River, in which the homeless are collecting spent casings from a nearby shooting range and smelting them in fire pits along the river banks and how these smelting operations have the potential to contaminate the groundwater and/or San Gabriel River. We have let Mary Ann know that Steven is able to attend one but not both of the events next week and asked to see if their office had a preference for EPA participation in the walking tour or the meeting with the Congresswoman. Awaiting word back from Mary Ann Lutz.